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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application.

The amendments of the after-final response filed November 12, 2003 were not entered as indicated by the Advisory Action mailed December 2, 2003. Applicants hereby file this RCE to have the rejections reconsidered in view of the below remarks.

Claims 31, 33-34, 37-42, 54, 57, 60-62, 64, and 67-70 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) for anticipation by U.S. Patent No. 5,239,260 to Widder et al

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and urge allowance of the present application.

Referring to claim 31, it is stated on pages 2-3 of the Office Action that Widder discloses an engagement probe 20. It is further alleged that any one of the corner edges formed at the bottom portion of engagement probe 20 disclose the claimed apex and any line formed by the truncated pyramid shown at the far edges of contact 22 discloses the knife-edge line. Applicant disagrees.

Applicants submit a copy of the dictionary definition of "knife-edge" as "a sharp narrow edge or margin like that of a knife," or "a narrow ridge." As set forth in col. 4, lines 45-48 the structure 20 is in the shape of a pyramid. Further, it is disclosed in line col. 4, lines 45- 58 that reference 22 of the bottom of the pyramid 20 is a contact point 22 formed on the tip of pyramid 20.

It is clear from the express teachings of Widder that structure 20 is a pyramid having a point to contact a pad. There is absolutely no teaching in Widder that the corner edges or any line of structure 20 may be fairly considered to teach or suggest a sharp narrow

edge or narrow ridge of the knife-edge line as claimed. Fig. 1 clearly illustrates the lower portions of structure 20 being formed by obtuse angles which in no fair interpretation disclose or suggest the claimed knife-edge line. Further, a contact point as clearly disclosed in Widder fails to disclose or suggest the claimed knife-edge line configured to removably engage a single conductive pad as claimed. Positively-recited limitations of claim 31 are not shown nor suggested and claim 31 is allowable for at least this reason.

The Examiner's interpretation of Widder is contrary to the express and explicit teachings of the Widder reference. In the event that a rejection of the claims is maintained with respect to the prior art, or a new rejection made, Applicants respectfully request identification in a non-final action of elements which allegedly correspond to limitations of the claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R §1.104(c)(2). In particular, 37 C.F.R §1.104(c)(2) provides that *the pertinence of each reference, if not apparent, must be clearly explained and each rejected claim specified*. Further, 37 C.F.R. §1.104(c)(2) states that the Examiner must cite the best references at their command. When a reference is complex or shows or describes inventions other than that claimed by Applicants, the particular teachings relied upon must be designated as nearly as practicable. The pertinence of each reference if not apparent must be clearly explained for each rejected claim specified. Applicants respectfully request clarification of the rejections with respect to specific references and specific references teachings therein pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104(c)(2) in a non-final Action if any claims are not found to be allowable.

The claims which depend from independent claim 31 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

For example, the Office Action on page 3 identifies the bottom portion of 32 as allegedly disclosing the claimed penetration stop plane of claim 33. Applicants disagree. It is clear in Widder the reference 22 comprises a contact point. The Widder reference discloses vibration to establish the contact of the contact point 22 with pad 12. Widder fails to disclose or suggest limitations of claim 33 and claim 33 is allowable for this additional reason.

Page 4 of the Action states that limitations of claim 34 are inherent. There is no penetration stop plane let alone the specifically claimed tip being spaced a distance from the penetration stop plane of about one-half the thickness of the conductive pad which the apparatus is adapted to engage. Fig. 1 clearly disclosed a much greater distance between point 22 and a surface 32 than the thickness of pad 12. The Examiner's reliance on inherency is misplaced. The Examiner is reminded that, "in relying upon the theory of inherency, the Examiner must provide a basis in fact and/or technical reasoning to reasonably support the determination that the allegedly inherent characteristics necessarily flow from the teachings of the applied prior art." *Ex parte Levy*, 17 USPQ2d 1461, 1464 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1990).

Widder fails to disclose or suggest any penetration stop plane teachings let alone the specific configuration of claim 34. The allegedly inherent characteristics do not necessarily flow from the teachings of Widder and the rejection of claim 34 is improper for this additional reason.

Claim 68 recites the substrate comprising a semiconductor substrate and the engagement probe comprises semiconductor material of the semiconductor substrate. The reliance upon inherency as set forth on page 5 in support of the rejection of claim 68

is improper. Numerous other configurations of structure 20 comprising material other than semiconductor material of a semiconductor substrate are possible. Accordingly, the reliance upon inherency in support of the rejection of claim 68 is improper in view of the above authority.

Referring to the rejection of independent claim 54, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest the probe having an outer surface comprising an apex in the form of at least one knife-edge line. The pyramidal structure 20 and contact point 22 fail to disclose or suggest the claimed knife-edge line. Claim 54 is allowable for at least this reason.

The bottom portion of layer 32 of Widder also fails to disclose or suggest the positively-claimed penetration stop plane. Widder discloses contacting the pad using the contact point 22 and there are absolutely no teachings of record that the layer 32 operates as a penetration stop plane.

Numerous limitations of claim 54 are not shown nor suggested by the prior art. Applicant requests clarification of any rejection of claim 54 in a non-Final Action if such claim is not allowed.

The claims which depend from independent claim 54 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.

For example, claim 70 recites the engagement probe comprises semiconductor material formed from a semiconductor substrate. The reliance upon inherency as set forth on page 5 in support of the rejection of claim 70 is improper. Numerous other configurations of structure 20 comprising material other than semiconductor material of a

semiconductor substrate are possible. Accordingly, the reliance upon inherency in support of the rejection of claim 70 is improper in view of the above authority.

Applicants hereby add new claims 73-74 which are supported at least at page 13, line 22 through page 14, line 13 of the originally-filed application.

Applicants request allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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knee buckle *n* : a buckle used to fasten knee breeches at or just below the knee *n* 1 : **PATELLA** 2 : a protective cover for the knee

knee colter *n* : a knee-shaped colter

knee-crooking *n*, *v*, *adj* : OBSEQUIOUS, FAWNING

knee-crook *n*, *adj* (*knee + -ed*) 1 : having a knee or knees (a graceful ~ table) — often used in combination (*a knobby knee boy*) 2 : having a bend or angle like that of the bent human knee : GENUCILATE (steep ~ gables)

knee-deep *v*, *adj* [ME *kne-depe*] 1 : *fr. kne, knee knee + -depe, deep deep* — more at **KNEE, DEEP** 1 : rising to the knees : **KNEE-HIGH** (*knee-deep snow*) 2 *a* : sunk to the knees (men ~ deep in water) *b* : deeply engaged or occupied : OVERWHELMED (*knee-deep in turmoil*) (*knee-deep in war*)

knee drill *n* : a special Salvation Army service at which most of the time is spent on the knees in prayer

knee drop *n* : a fundamental trampoline stunt in which the performer drops to his knees on the bed and then rebounds to a standing position

knee-falter *v*, *adj* : to restrain (a horse) by passing a line from the halter or bridle to the knee of a foreleg so as to permit grazing but prevent free or fast movement

knee-high *n*, *adj* : rising or reaching upward to the knees (*tree-high stockings*)

knee-high blackberry *n* : **SAND BLACKBERRY**

kneehole *n*, *v* : an open space (as under a desk) for the knee

kneehole desk *n* : a flat-topped desk having a kneehole with sinking tiers of drawers



knee joint *n* 1 : **KNEE** *la*(*1*) 2 : **TOGGLE JOINT** *n*, *adj* 1 : **GENICULATE**, **KNEED** 2 : having joined knees (*a knee-jointed stool*)

kneel *v*, *adj* *fr. before pause or consonant -ēl* *vi* *knelt* *v*, *adj* *fr. kneeled* (*nēl*) *adj* : **knelt** or **kneeled** : **kneeling** : **kneller** *n* : **kneller** (*ME kneelen*, fr. OE *cnēowlan*; akin to MLG *knēlen*) *MD* *cnēlen* : denominatives fr. the root of E *knēl* 1 : to bend the knee : fall or rest on the knees (*knelt to drink from the spring*) — sometimes used with *down* (*kneeling down to pray*) 2 : of a rifleman *a* : to assume a position formerly used in extended-order infantry drill in which the individual while half-faced to the right kneels on the right knee, rests the left forearm across the left thigh, and grasps a rifle in the position of order arms with the right hand above the lower hand *b* : to support oneself on the knees while or for the purpose of firing a rifle

kneel *n*, *s* : an act or instance of kneeling *kneler* *n*, *adj* (*ME kneler*, fr. *kneelen*) to kneel + *-er* 1 : one that kneels (as in worship) 2 : something (as a cushion, stool, board) to kneel on *3 a* : a stone cut to provide a change of direction in masonry *b* : a stone so cut as to support and retain the coping of the slope of a gable

kneelet *n*, *s* (*n* -s [*knee + -er*]) : a protective covering for the knee

kneeling *n* -s [*ME knelen*, fr. gerund of *kneelen* to kneel — more at **KNEEL**] 1 : the act of one that kneels : **GENUFLCTION** 2 : a place or space for kneeling (as in a church)

kneeling *adj* : suitable for use in kneeling (*a ~ cushion*) : designed to be used while kneeling (*a ~ desk*)

kneeling-ly *adv* : in or from a kneeling position

knee mortar *n* : a light grenade discharger used by the Japanese during World War II

knee of head : an arrangement of timbers outside the stem and below the bowsprit that forms an overhanging bow in a wooden ship

kneepad *n*, *s* : a protective pad for the knee sometimes attached to a garment

kneepan *n*, *s* (*ME knepanne*, fr. *kne knee + panne pan* — more at **KNEE, PAN**) 1 : **PATELLA** 2 : a concavity at the distal end of the femur of an insect

knee plate *n* 1 : a broad steel plate covering the thigh and protecting on each side and used chiefly in body armor for cutting 2 : a plate for connecting a beam or girder to the frame of a ship

knee rafter *n* : a diagonal brace between a principal rafter and a tie beam

knee roll *n* : a padded margin sometimes introduced on the top part of the skirt of an English saddle to keep a rider's leg from slipping forward

knee roof *n* : **CURB ROOF**

knee of pl. of KNEE, pres. 3d sing of KNEE

knee-sie *n*, *s* (*knēz* (*pl. of 'knee*) + *-le*) *slang* : an action of flirting or becoming friendly or intimate (played ~s under the table —Lane Foster)

knee-spring *n*, *adj* (*of a horse*) : having the knees bent when they should normally be straight; *esp* : having the knees protruding too far forward — compare **BUCK KNEE**

knee strap *n* 1 : a strap to hold a shoe on a cobbler's knee

knee-tied *v*, *adj* (*of a horse*) : having a poor conformation in the front legs with the anteroposterior diameter of the leg just below the knee too narrow

knee timber *n* 1 : timber with natural knees or angles in it

knee tool *n* : a knee-shaped tool holder; *usu* : a turret-lathe or screw-machine tool holder that supports tools for simultaneous turning and internal-cutting operations

knee wall *n* : a partition for supporting roof rafters when the room is given or for forming a side wall (as of a second-story room) under a pitched roof

kneid (*la* *nīfēs*) *n*, *cap* [*NL*, fr. F. *Kneiff*] 1832 Ger. physician and botanist + *NL -ia* : in some classifications : a genus of No. American day-blooming herbs (family Onagraceae) having stamens of unequal length and a 4-angled style and often included in *Oenothera* — compare **SUNDROPS**

kneipp-ism *n*, *adj* (*nīpīzəm*) also **kneipp's** *curse* *n*, *pl* (*nīpīzə*) or **kneipp** *curse* *n*, *adj* (*nīpīzə*) : **Kneipp** fr. Sebastian Kneipp 1897 Ger. priest who developed it + E -ism; **Kneipp's** *curse* or **kneipp-ku** : treatment of disease by forms of hydrotherapy

kneel *n*, *vb* *ED/-ING/-S* [*ME knellen*, *knellen*, fr. OE *cnēlan*; akin to MHG *cnēkenn* to resound, toll, MHG *knellen* to strike, ON *knylla*, and prob. to OE *cnēotta* knot, *knit*] *v* 1 *obs* : to ring (bell) with slow solemnity : **TOLL** 2 : to summon by or as if by a knell 3 : to announce or proclaim by one as if by a knell (*the bell buoy ~s four hour* —Marguerite J. Adams) *v* 1 *a* of a bell : RING, TOLL 2 : to toll at a death, funeral, or disaster 3 : to sound a knell 2 *a* : to give forth a sound like a knell (*the owl at its nest* —Dylan Thomas) *b* : to sound a warning or have a sound import of evil omen

1 : a stroke or sound of a bell (as when tolled at a funeral or the death of a person) : a death signal or passing bell 2 : a warning of or a sound indicating the passing away of something (this decision sounded the ~ of our hopes)

kneel-down *n*, *adj* (*nēdōn*) : **knēdōn** *n*, *cap* [*NL*, fr. Gk *knētēn* to smite, cut off; akin to Gk *knēmē* shinbone — more at *CAMP, HAM*] : a genus of itch mites attacking birds — see *knēdōn*

knez *n*, *s* : **pl knezes** also **knezi** [of Slav origin; akin to Serbo-Croatian *knēz* prince, Russ. *knyz'*, OSlav *knēzdil*, of Slavic prince or duke]

knib *n*, *vb* *ED/-ING/-S* [*after alter. of* OHG *knūn* king — more at **KING**] : a small archaic *nz* of KNIGHT

knib *n*, *adj* (*nīb*) : **knib** (*knibprint*) : **NICK 6**

knicker *n*, *s* (*nīkər*) : **knicker** (*knickerbocker*) 1 : **knickerbocker** pl : **knickerbockers** 2 : **knickerbocker** pants for women or girls as ~ bloomers with fullness gathered at a band at the knee *d* **chiefly Brit** : **UNDERSKIRT** 3 : sport or leisure pants similar in design to knickerbockers

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knife switch *n* : an electric switch in which contact is made by pushing one or more flat metal blades between the jaws of spring clips

knife tool *n* : a tool suggestive of a knife: as a : a knife-shaped graver *b* : a small wheel used in seal engraving for cutting fine lines

knife turn *n* : an urn-shaped knife box popular in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

knife switch *n*, *s* : a long tapering usu. hardened straight bar (as a V bar)

knife-fin system *n*, *u*, *u* cap *K* [after Wm. Kniffin, 19th cent. Am. horticulturist] : a system or method of training grapevines whereby a trunk is carried to the upper of two braced supporting wires along which the annually renewed fruiting canes are tied and from which the bearing branches are allowed to hang down

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